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Economic Growth Region 4

Statistical Data Report for April 2026, Released June 2026

State Employment and Unemployment

Unemployment rates were lower in April in 3 states, higher in 2 states, and stable in 45 states and the District of Columbia, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. Nineteen states had jobless rate increases from a year earlier, 6 states had decreases, and 25 states and the District had little change. The national unemployment rate, 4.3 percent, was unchanged over the month and was little changed from April 2025.



Economic Growth Region (EGR) 4

Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Warren and White Counties.

April 2026 Labor Force Estimates (not seasonally adjusted)						
Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25
U.S.	169,548,000	162,781,000	6,768,000	4.0%	4.3%	3.9%
IN	3,467,580	3,372,212	95,368	2.8%	3.6%	3.3%
EGR 4	256,789	249,617	7,172	2.8%	3.7%	3.6%
Kokomo MSA	35,237	33,565	1,672	4.7%	5.7%	6.8%
Lafayette MSA	123,535	120,628	2,907	2.4%	3.3%	2.8%
Benton Co.	4,570	4,459	111	2.4%	3.3%	2.9%
Carroll Co.	11,053	10,809	244	2.2%	3.0%	3.1%
Cass Co.	17,582	17,044	538	3.1%	4.2%	4.0%
Clinton Co.	16,818	16,438	380	2.3%	3.1%	2.8%
Fountain Co.	7,967	7,769	198	2.5%	3.3%	3.1%
Howard Co.	35,237	33,565	1,672	4.7%	5.7%	6.8%
Miami Co.	15,953	15,419	534	3.3%	4.5%	4.1%
Montgomery Co.	20,388	19,956	432	2.1%	2.8%	2.5%
Tippecanoe Co.	103,313	100,864	2,449	2.4%	3.3%	2.8%
Tipton Co.	7,875	7,661	214	2.7%	3.5%	3.8%
Warren Co.	4,599	4,496	103	2.2%	3.1%	2.8%
White Co.	11,434	11,137	297	2.6%	3.5%	2.8%
Attica	1,648	1,609	39	2.4%	3.0%	2.5%
Crawfordsville	8,135	7,953	182	2.2%	2.9%	2.6%
Delphi	1,233	1,201	32	2.6%	3.7%	4.5%
Fowler	1,173	1,148	25	2.1%	2.7%	2.9%
Frankfort	8,478	8,280	198	2.3%	3.1%	2.7%
Kokomo	24,573	23,327	1,246	5.1%	6.0%	7.3%
Lafayette	39,610	38,638	972	2.5%	3.2%	3.3%
Logansport	8,191	7,921	270	3.3%	4.7%	4.0%
Monticello	2,298	2,240	58	2.5%	3.7%	3.1%
Peru	4,895	4,720	175	3.6%	4.9%	4.9%
Tipton	2,513	2,438	75	3.0%	3.7%	3.7%
West Lafayette	22,603	22,132	471	2.1%	2.8%	2.4%
Williamsport	1,047	1,023	24	2.3%	3.1%	2.9%

Unemployment Rates by State (seasonally adjusted): April 2026

U.S. - 4.3%

Illinois - 5.1%

Indiana - 3.2%

Kentucky - 4.3%

Michigan - 5%

Ohio - 3.9%

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployment Rank by County (of 92 counties): April 2026

#1 - Howard (4.7%)

#7 - Miami (3.3%)

#11 - Cass (3.1%)

#30 - Tipton (2.7%)

#42 - White (2.6%)

#47 - Fountain (2.5%)

#57 - Benton (2.4%)

#64 - Tippecanoe (2.4%)

#66 - Clinton (2.3%)

#78 - Carroll (2.2%)

#84 - Warren (2.2%)

#89 - Montgomery (2.1%)

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development, Local Area Unemployment Statistics

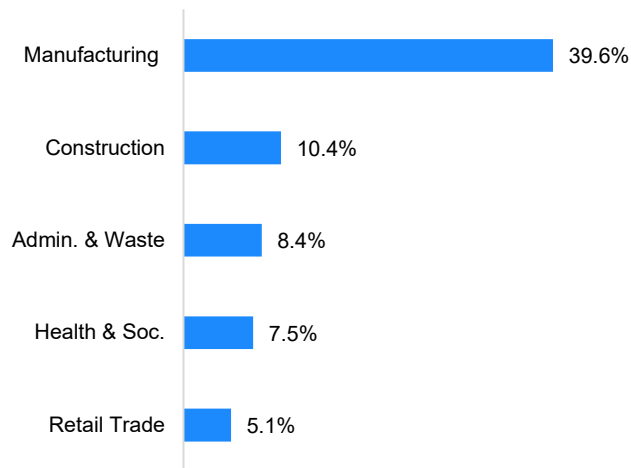
Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Local Area Unemployment Statistics | Unemployment Statistics Released:06/26 | Notes: The data displayed are presented as estimates only. The most recent month's data are always preliminary and are revised when the next month's data are released.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-U Change), Unadjusted Percent Change to April 2026 from				
CPI Item	Apr-25	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26
	U.S. City		Midwest Region*	
All Items	3.8%	0.9%	4.1%	0.8%
Food & Beverages	3.1%	0.5%	3.1%	0.5%
Housing	3.6%	0.6%	4.7%	0.8%
Apparel	4.2%	-0.4%	5.4%	-0.8%
Transportation	7.1%	2.9%	5.8%	2.7%
Medical Care	2.5%	-0.1%	3.4%	-0.3%
Recreation	2.3%	0.0%	4.2%	0.0%
Education & Communication	0.2%	-0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Other Goods & Services	4.4%	0.9%	0.5%	-1.0%

*Midwest region = Midwest Urban Average. Midwest Region includes Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Percentage of Unemployment Claims for Top 5 Region 4 Industries April 2026

Distribution as a Percent of Total



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis

WARN Notices

WARN Notices for Region 4 for April 2026				
Company	City	County	# of workers affected	Notice Date

There are no WARN Notices for April 2026 for Region 4.

Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, WARN Notices | For information on WARN Act requirements, you may go to the U.S. Department of Labor Employment Training Administration Fact Sheet:

<https://www.doleta.gov/programs/factsht/warn.htm>

Unemployment Claims: April 2026

Region 4

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 118(D)

04/11/26 - 157(D)

04/18/26 - 99(D)

04/25/26 - 105(D)

Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 1,410

04/11/26 - 1,351

04/18/26 - 1,307

04/25/26 - 1,247

Total Claims

04/04/26 - 1,528

04/11/26 - 1,508

04/18/26 - 1,406

04/25/26 - 1,352

State of Indiana

Initial Claims

04/04/26 - 2,727

04/11/26 - 3,629

04/18/26 - 2,479

04/25/26 - 2,138

Continued Claims

04/04/26 - 20,966

04/11/26 - 21,000

04/18/26 - 20,087

04/25/26 - 19,380

Total Claims

04/04/26 - 23,693

04/11/26 - 24,629

04/18/26 - 22,566

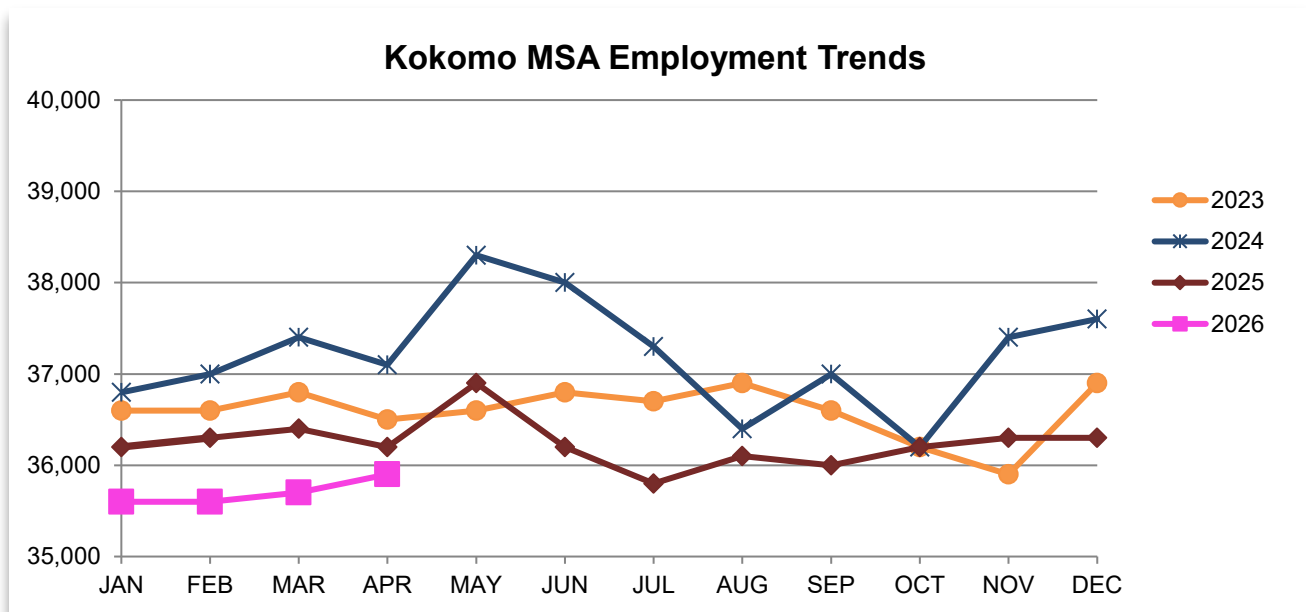
04/25/26 - 21,518

(D) indicates item is affected by non-disclosure issues relating to industry or ownership status |

*Numbers subject to weekly revision Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research and Development

Kokomo MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26	Apr-25 to Apr-26		
Total Nonfarm	35,900	35,700	36,200	200	0.6%	-300	-0.8%
Total Private	31,100	31,000	31,300	100	0.3%	-200	-0.6%
Goods Producing	10,100	10,100	10,000	0	0.0%	100	1.0%
Service-Providing	25,800	25,600	26,200	200	0.8%	-400	-1.5%
Private Service Providing	21,000	20,900	21,300	100	0.5%	-300	-1.4%
Mining, Logging and Construction	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Manufacturing	8,300	8,300	8,200	0	0.0%	100	1.2%
Trade, Transportation, and Utilities	6,200	6,200	6,300	0	0.0%	-100	-1.6%
Wholesale Trade	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	4,400	4,400	4,500	0	0.0%	-100	-2.2%
Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities	900	900	900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Information	200	200	200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Financial Activities	1,200	1,200	1,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Leisure and Hospitality	4,200	4,100	4,300	100	2.4%	-100	-2.3%
Other Services	1,800	1,800	1,700	0	0.0%	100	5.9%
Government	4,800	4,700	4,900	100	2.1%	-100	-2.0%
Local Government	3,400	3,200	3,300	200	6.3%	100	3.0%
Local Government Educational Services	1,900	1,900	1,900	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Local Government excluding Educational Services	1,500	1,300	1,400	200	15.4%	100	7.1%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

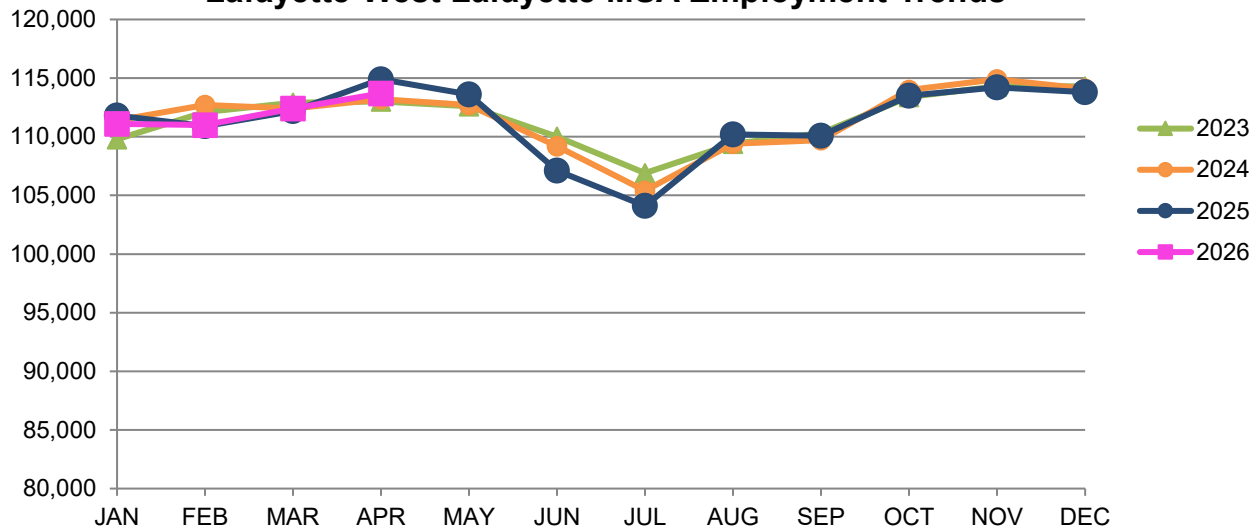


Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Lafayette-West Lafayette MSA							
Wage and Salaried Employment	April 2026			# Change	% Change	# Change	% Change
Industry	Apr-26	Mar-26	Apr-25	Mar-26 to Apr-26		Apr-25 to Apr-26	
Total Nonfarm	113,700	112,400	114,900	1,300	1.2%	-1,200	-1.0%
Total Private	84,000	83,500	84,700	500	0.6%	-700	-0.8%
Goods Producing	25,800	25,800	26,000	0	0.0%	-200	-0.8%
Service Providing	87,900	86,600	88,900	1,300	1.5%	-1,000	-1.1%
Private Service Providing	58,200	57,700	58,700	500	0.9%	-500	-0.9%
Mining, Logging and Construction	4,900	4,900	4,700	0	0.0%	200	4.3%
Manufacturing	20,900	20,900	21,300	0	0.0%	-400	-1.9%
Durable Goods	16,300	16,300	16,700	0	0.0%	-400	-2.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	15,500	15,400	15,700	100	0.7%	-200	-1.3%
Wholesale Trade	3,200	3,200	3,200	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Retail Trade	9,600	9,500	9,500	100	1.1%	100	1.1%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	2,700	2,700	3,000	0	0.0%	-300	-10.0%
Information	700	700	800	0	0.0%	-100	-12.5%
Financial Activities	3,300	3,300	3,400	0	0.0%	-100	-2.9%
Professional and Business Services	9,300	9,200	8,900	100	1.1%	400	4.5%
Education and Health Services	13,800	13,700	14,000	100	0.7%	-200	-1.4%
Leisure and Hospitality	11,400	11,200	11,600	200	1.8%	-200	-1.7%
Accommodation and Food Services	10,600	10,400	10,700	200	1.9%	-100	-0.9%
Other Services	4,200	4,200	4,300	0	0.0%	-100	-2.3%
Total Government	29,700	28,900	30,200	800	2.8%	-500	-1.7%
Federal Government	500	500	500	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
State Government	21,700	20,800	22,000	900	4.3%	-300	-1.4%
Local Government	7,500	7,600	7,700	-100	-1.3%	-200	-2.6%
Local Government Educational Services	4,500	4,600	4,700	-100	-2.2%	-200	-4.3%

Source: Indiana Dept of Workforce Development, Research and Analysis, Current Employment Statistics

Lafayette-West Lafayette MSA Employment Trends



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Current Employment Statistics | Note: Historical data for the most recent 4 years (both seasonally adjusted and not seasonally adjusted) are revised near the beginning of each calendar year, prior to the release of January estimates for statewide data.

Frequently Listed Jobs	
Top 20 job listings by number of postings in Region 4 in the past month	
Rank	Occupations
1	Registered Nurses
2	Driver/Sales Workers and Truck Drivers
3	Retail Salespersons
4	Therapists
5	Physicians
6	First-Line Supervisors of Sales Workers
7	Laborers and Material Movers
8	Building Cleaning Workers
9	Licensed Practical and Licensed Vocational Nurses
10	Counselors
11	Health Practitioner Support Technologists and Technicians
12	Designers
13	Maintenance and Repair Workers, General
14	Diagnostic Related Technologists and Technicians
15	Miscellaneous Production Workers
16	Nursing Assistants, Orderlies, and Psychiatric Aides
17	Miscellaneous Healthcare Support Occupations
18	Home Health and Personal Care Aides
19	Food Service Managers
20	Food Preparation Workers

Source: Lightcast

Applicant Pool	
Top 20 occupations desired by applicants on their resumes in the past 12 months	
Occupations	# of applicants
Production Workers, All Other	561
Assemblers and Fabricators, All Other	445
Helpers--Production Workers	356
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand	230
Cashiers	155
Team Assemblers	155
Customer Service Representatives	148
Office Clerks, General	112
Managers, All Other	107
Welders, Cutters, Solderers, and Brazers	95
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other	94
Extraction Workers, All Other	87
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	85
First-Line Supervisors of Production and Operating Workers	84
Heavy and Tractor-Trailer Truck Drivers	81
Retail Salespersons	80
Construction Laborers	78
Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners	70
Executive Secretaries and Executive Administrative Assistants	68
Electrical and Electronic Equipment Assemblers	64

Source: Indiana Workforce Development, Indiana Career Connect.

BREAKDOWN

April Indiana Labor Force

Released May 22, 2026



Total Population

6,973,333



Labor Force (Age 16+)
3,487,162



Not in the Labor Force (Age 16+)
1,983,200

Employed
3,373,886

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2026, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Unemployed (Seeking)
113,276

Do Not Want a Job
1,858,700

Source: Local Area Unemployment Statistics, April 2026, Bureau of Labor Statistics

Want a Job (Not Seeking)
124,400

Want a Job (Available to Work Now)
44,200

Potential Workers

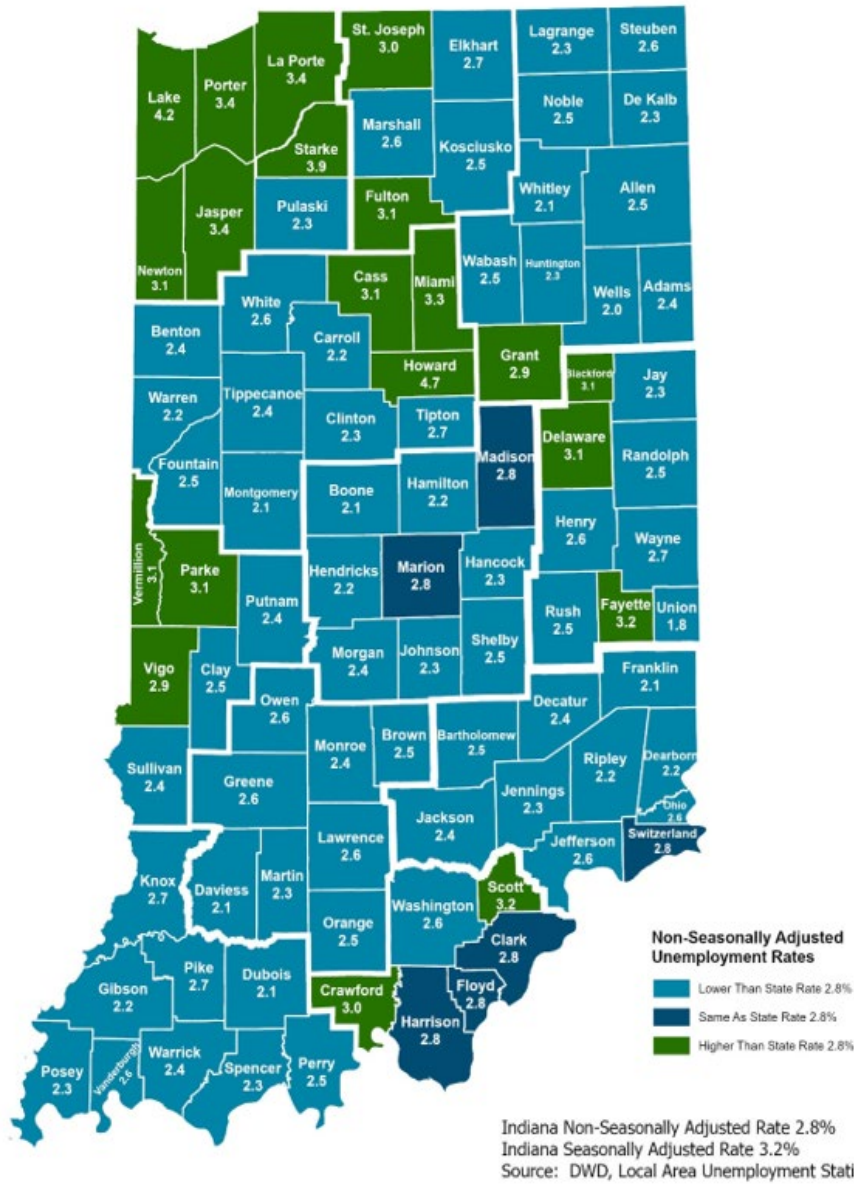
(Unemployed and Seeking a Job + Not in the Labor Force but Want a Job/Available to Work Now)

157,476

More about the US Bureau of Labor Statistics data sources used within:
Local Area Unemployment Statistics (LAUS): Captures Indiana's labor force, which includes those currently employed and those who are unemployed and actively seeking work.
Current Population Survey (CPS): Captures individuals not participating in Indiana's Labor Force. This set includes non-participants that do not want a job (e.g. retirees and students) and those that want a job but are not actively seeking work.
U.S. Census Bureau, Indiana Population 2025

Resource: Notes on Using Current Population Survey (CPS) Subnational Data and Differences Between CPS and LAUS Estimates

County Unemployment Rates April 2026



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